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VERY REMARKABLE.

Not an Off Shore Arrival at This Port for a Week.

Poor Fish Weather and Heavy Head Winds the Cause.

The oldest habitue of the water front does not remember a case before where a whole week passed by without a fishing arrival from off shore at this port and yet this is the record, not enviable to be sure, that has been made here this week.

Since last Sunday night, when sch. Lizzie Griffin, from Virgin Rocks, with a fare of salt cod, came in and anchored, not an off shore vessel of any kind, haddock, halibut or herring craft, has poked her nose by Eastern Point.

A few shore boats, which dodge in and out and grab a set, have made port once and a few pollockers with small fares have come in, but a regular offshore trip is yet to be recorded for the week. What these few shore boats and pollockers landed can be reckoned inside of 125,000 pounds, so it is probably the low line record week in Gloucester's fish history.

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AMERICANS LEAD.

Have Most Men and Vessels at Bay of Islands.

Twenty Two Crafts Have Taken Cargoes Thus Far.

Regarding the number of men and vessels employed in the Newfoundland herring fishery at Bay of Islands the present season, a Newfoundland fisheries official there reports to St. John's that there were 43 American, 21 Canadian and 49 Newfoundland herring vessels at Bay of Islands on Dec. 1. The American vessels had on board 476 men shipped in American ports and 529 men shipped outside the Newfoundland three-mile limit.

The Canadians had 230 men shipped in their own ports and 265 shipped at Bay of Islands. The Newfoundland vessels carried 497 men, all shipped in colonial waters. In addition to the foregoing there were 350 shore folk also engaged in the herring fishing.

Thus far in the present season a total of 22 vessels, 10 being American, have sailed from Bay of Islands with cargoes aggregating 30,000 barrel of fish.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. James S. Steele, shore.
Sch. Margaret Dillon, shore.
Sch. Helen G. Wells, shore.
Sch. Flavilla, shore.
Sch. Jubilee, shore.
Sch. Valentina, shore.
Sch. Ralph Russell, via Boston.

Today's Fish Market.

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Salt handline Georges codfish, \$5.00 per cwt. for large, \$4.00 for medium.

Salt Trawl Georges codfish, \$5.00 for large \$3.50 for medium.

Salt hake, \$2.00.

Salt haddock, \$2.00.

Salt cusk, \$2.25.

Salt pollock, \$1.75.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.25 to \$4.50 for large, \$3.37 1-2 to \$3.50 for medium and \$2.00 for snappers.

Round pollock, \$1.00 per cwt.

Shore salt herring, \$1.75 per bbl. clear of the barrel.

Eastern "hallbut" codfish, \$4.37 1-2 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for small.

Fresh herring \$1.50 per bbl.

Salt dory handline bank cod, \$4.75 per cwt. for large and \$3.75 for medium.

Bank halibut, 13 cts. per lb. for white and 11 1-2 cts. for gray.

Boston.

Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 50 lbs. haddock, 1000 hake.

Haddock, \$5; hake, \$2.50 to \$4.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Kernwood was at Portland yesterday with 3000 pounds of fresh fish.

Sch. Carrie C. was at Portland yesterday for bait.

Sch. Lillian, from Tremont, with cured fish for this port, was at Portland yesterday.

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ALL MADE PUBLIC.

Correspondence of Diplomats on Recent Modus Vivendi.

Lord Elgin Emphatic in Views of Newfoundland's Position.

A London despatch of Saturday says: "The correspondence between the state department at Washington and the foreign office here and that between Newfoundland and the colonial office, detailing the circumstances leading to the establishment of the fisheries modus vivendi, was published here today. While the tone is conciliatory, it shows that a wide chasm remains to be bridged.

"The despatches began in October, 1905, with letters from Secretary Root to Ambassador Durand, dated October 12 and October 19, asking for an early interview on the subject of the fisheries and explaining at length the United States' views of her treaty rights, and urging that Great Britain take steps to secure the repeal of the Newfoundland laws conflicting therewith.

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"Foreign Secretary Grey on February 2 last, through Ambassador Reid, dealt at length with Mr. Root's observations, and said he regretted that he was unable to assent thereto without important qualifications. Mr. Reid notified Secretary Gray July 20 that Mr. Root disagreed with several of his views, and added:

"I am instructed to ask for such action as will prevent any interference on any ground by officers of the Newfoundland government with American fishermen when they go to exercise their treaty rights on the Newfoundland coast during the approaching fishing season."

"Secretary Grey, replying August 14, said he observed, 'with much regret that the wide divergence in the views of the two governments disclosed by the correspondence makes it hopeless to expect an immediate settlement,' but he was ready to confer with the United States government with the view of arranging a modus vivendi, applicable only to the ensuing season.

"On September 12, Mr. Reid wrote Secretary Grey to the effect 'that the government of the United States hears with the greatest concern that the divergence of views renders an immediate settlement impossible, and suggesting the terms of the modus vivendi. These were accepted by Secretary Grey September 25 whereupon Mr. Reid was authorized to ratify them.

"All the communication of the state department to the foreign office were forwarded by the colonial office to the Newfoundland government. The secretary for the colonies, Lord Elgin, repeatedly urged a modification and a holding in abeyance of the Newfoundland ordinances to which objection was taken, and unequivocally notified the Newfoundland ministers that he was unable to assent to their view that the enforcement of the fishing act of 1906 was a matter of purely local concern, and insisted strongly on the right of the imperial government to intervene in questions touching the relations of the British empire with foreign states.

"In the last communication published, Newfoundland was still deprecating the arrangement consenting to the use of purse seines and the engagement of local fishermen for work on American boats."

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THE SPELL BROKEN.

One Off-Shore Vessel Reached Here This Morning.

Was British Craft with Fare of Salt Herring.

The spell which has hung over Gloucester harbor for the past week was broken this morning about 8 o'clock, when the British sch. Ethel arrived from Bay of Islands, N. F., with 1500 barrels of salt herring, being the first off-shore arrival since a week ago last night.

A big fleet of the market fishing boats came in yesterday and this forenoon, but very few of them had any fish.

Boston, like Gloucester, had a touch of the fish famine, not having an arrival from Friday to this morning. Fifteen sail of the shore fleet are at T wharf today, and altogether they have about enough to make one decent off shore trip. The fares were eagerly taken up at fancy figures, haddock bring from seven to eight cents a pound, while cod brought from 5 1-2 to 6 1-2 cents, hake from 4 to 5 1-2 cents and pollock 3 1-2 cents per pound.

The weather has been and now holds so bad that it is about impossible for the boats to get a set.

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GONE INTO NORTH ARM.

Many of The Herring Fleet
Have Shifted Berths.

SOME ICE FORMED IN ARMS.

Reports of Nets Stolen and De-
stroyed and Sunday Fishing.

The British sch. Ethel arrived at this port this forenoon from Bay of Islands, N. F., with 1500 barrels of salt herring, consigned to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co. She is the first vessel to arrive at this port from off shore since a week ago last night.

Bad weather for two weeks has greatly delayed the vessels which are bound home from Bay of Islands with salt herring cargoes, and some are now over two weeks on the passage. Schs. Valkyria, Senator Gardner and Havanna are expected hourly.

Schs. Smuggler and J. J. Flaherty were at North Sydney, C. B., on Wednesday and sailed for Bay of Islands, N. F., the next forenoon.

Schs. T. M. Nicholson and Maggie and May were at North Sydney, C. B., Thursday, the former shipping a number of fishermen whom Capt. Thomas M. Nicholson, her owner, had there, awaiting her arrival.

The Bay of Islands, N. F., Western Star of Wednesday had the following resume of the herring fishery there to that date:

"During the past week the herring industry has been prosecuted with more or less vigor, although as the previous week, the fishery has been chiefly confined to Middle Arm where nearly all the vessels were until Saturday. Then the fleet was divided, and several of them went to North Arm, where small catches have daily been taken for some time.

"With the change in weather conditions preparations are being made for the frozen voyage, and lumber is being conveyed to a number of vessels for scaffolds.

"The frost of last week froze up Penguin and Goose Arms, and hundreds of nets were entrapped. It was unusually early for ice to form in those arms, and no one expected it. The ice was from one to two inches in thickness, and boats could be hauled over it.

"A number of herring cargoes were despatched the past few days, and others are ready to sail. Up to date 51 American vessels have sailed for this port, and about 23 Canadian craft. Others are to follow, and this year will witness the largest herring fishing fleet ever seen here.

There have been numerous reports of destruction to fishing gear this fall. We have been told of men having good nets stolen and old ones put in their places, and many men have had all their gear taken.

"With three steamers here on fishery protection, an outsider would think it almost impossible for fishing gear to be stolen. Were those ships to resort more to the fishing grounds, and H. M. S. Brilliant throw her searchlights occasionally at night, those who go on their nets after dark would soon be scared out of the practice of destroying other people's property.

"Sunday fishing is also complained of, and Capt. Blandford, of the Home, informed us that when he was in North Arm on Sunday last there were numerous boats on their

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nets. We learn that this practice has also been resorted to in other parts of the bay, regardless of the arrangement entered into prior to the opening of the fishery."

"Capt. Shaw's schooner of Bay St. George, now here, has been chartered by Mr. Beazley to take a cargo of frozen herring to Halifax for the Cold Storage Co. which he represents.

"Sch. Britannia, Capt. Joseph Petipas, sailed Wednesday for Halifax, taking hence a cargo of herring.

"Sch. Mindora, chartered by Capt. F. Carter, to take a cargo of green codfish to Boston, was caught in the ice at Lark Harbor on Friday.

On Monday, Capt. Edward Seeley, who went as skipper of the steamship Active from Bonne Bay to St. John's, was before Judge Conroy there, charged with two breaches of the customs act, in that he did on November 6, go outside the three-mile limit without a clearance, and that he conveyed passengers without reporting the same in the manner prescribed by law.

"The passengers in question were Newfoundland fishermen going outside the three-mile limit to join the American vessel Titania. From what we can learn, it would appear that the Active only went two miles and a half from South Point of Bonne Bay, the captain having logged the distance from there.

"It is also stated that no passengers were taken on the steamer. A number of boats were towed out of Bonne Bay, but their crews were in them, and not on the Active."

"Thursday night the steamer Atlantic came in from Middle Arm, bringing John Hussey of Woody Island, Placentia Bay, who had been fishing on the Lunenburg vessel Margaret S. Schwartz. Hussey had been ailing several days from a pustular disease, and immediately on arriving here, Dr. Kilroy of H. M. S. Brilliant was summoned. He was in doubt as to the nature of the disease, but the postules being akin to those of small pox, the man was isolated in a little shack near the railway station.

"The report was soon circulated that there was a case of smallpox in the place, and great excitement prevailed. Friday morning the warship went to Middle Arm, where Dr. Kilroy visited the Margaret S. Schwartz, and vaccinated 39 persons, including the captain. On returning to port Monday, Dr. Kilroy made a further examination of Hussey, who was isolated for alleged small pox, and pronounced the malady to be other than that of small pox, although nearly approaching its symptoms. This news greatly relieved the tension of anxiety."

Sch. Aloha took on supplies and lumber and repaired dories at North Sydney, C. B., on Monday and proceeded Thursday for Bay of Islands.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Br. sch. Bay of Islands, N. F., 1500 bbl's salt herring.

Sch. Mattie Brundage, shore, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.

Sch. Mary E. Silveira, shore.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, shore.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, shore.

Sch. Rebecca, shore.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, shore.

Sch. Sheffeyld, shore.

Sch. Estelle S. Nunan, shore.

Sch. John M. Keen, shore.

Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, shore.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, shore.

Sch. Hope, shore.

Sch. Ellen F. Gleason, shore.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.

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BOND'S ACT IS REBUKED.

Earl Elgin, Colonial Secretary, Issues Statement.

REPLIES TO NEWFOUNDLAND.

Says Colony Failed To Appreciate
Exact Situation.

(Special to the Times.)

London, Eng., Dec. 8, 1906.—Earl of Elgin, the colonial British secretary, today issued a paper on the Newfoundland fisheries dispute, replying to the protest of the Newfoundland government against the *modus vivendi* between the United States and England.

The secretary says that the Newfoundland government evidently failed to appreciate the difficulty into which its policy has placed both the United States and the English governments, and that the suspension of the Newfoundland foreign fishing vessels act of 1906 did not come within the duties of the colonial secretary.

From the tenor of the above dispatch, it would seem that it is no less than a rebuke of Sir Robert Bond and his ministry by the colonial secretary Earl Elgin. It would seem to show that the action of secretary for the colonies, in negotiating the *modus vivendi* was taken after all efforts to have Newfoundland see the matter in a reasonable light had failed.

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Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Oregon, Newfoundland frozen herring trip.

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Salt cusk, \$2.25.

Salt pollock, \$1.75.

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Bank halibut, 13 cts. per lb. for white and 11 1-2 cts. for gray.

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Boston.

Sch. Buema, 7000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Mary A. Gleason, 5000 pollock.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 2500 haddock, 6000 cod, 200 hake.
Sch. Tecumseh, 3000 haddock, 6000 cod, 3500 hake.
Sch. Mary Edith, 2000 haddock, 200 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Viking, 2000 haddock, 1000 hake.
Sch. Emily Cooney, 2500 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Genesta, 2800 haddock, 500 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Seaconnet, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake, 1000 cusk.
Sch. Valentina, 6000 pollock.
Sch. Ralph Russell, 6000 pollock.
Sch. Mina Swim, 2000 haddock.
Steamer Quartette, 1300 haddock, 2000 cod, 7000 hake.
Sch. Minerva, 900 haddock, 300 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake.
Haddock, \$7 to \$8 per cwt.; large cod \$5.50 to \$6.50, market cod, \$4; hake, \$4 to \$5.50; pollock, \$3.50.

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FROZEN HERRING.

Sch. Esperanto Secures Load at Bay of Islands.

Will Bring First Cargo of Much Wanted Fish.

Sch. Talisman, which put into Halifax, N. S., a few days ago with some of her sails torn, sailed for home again with her fare of salt herring on Sunday. The Talisman must have struck some very hard weather, for her foresail, which was new this trip, was blown to pieces and a new one had to be made at Halifax. Her jumbo was also new and the other sails were not a year old, and yet then were torn.

Sch. Nourmahal has loaded with salt herring at Bay of Islands, N. F., and is ready to sail for home.

Schs. Margaret and A. E. Whyland arrived at Liverpool, N. S., on Thursday, to take lumber for their Newfoundland frozen herring trips.

After a very hard passage of 27 days the British sch. Livonia arrived at Boston yesterday from Carbonear, N. F., with a cargo of salt herring. The vessel was five times almost in sight of port and each time was blown off by heavy northwester. It is supposed that she is from Green Bay, N. F.

Sch. Esperanto, one of Orlando Merchant's fleet at Bay of Islands, N. F., was expected to finish loading with frozen herring yesterday and today is probably on the way home with the first cargo of frozen herring that has left Newfoundland this season. The Esperanto is one of the three vessels of Mr. Merchant's fleet which went to Bay of Islands together, fitted to secure and artificially freeze a cargo of herring. Capt. Thomas Bohlin will probably bring the vessel home, and Mr. Merchant will, as usual, have the first fare of frozen herring of the season.

Sch. Henry M. Stanley is bound home from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a fare of salt herring.

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THREE DAYS COLD SNAP.

Many Nets Caught in Ice at Bay of Islands.

Potomac and Fiona Break Ice for Herring Catchers.

A letter from a well known skipper, dated at Bay of Islands, N. F., December 2, says that they had three days of the most severe frost ever known so early there. Many of the vessels had nets frozen in for three days, but most of them are now out, although there were some which were never found at all. The Fiona and the Potomac took a hand in breaking the ice around the vessels and the fishing ground in the arms and thus made it easier for the vessels and crews. Herring are scarce in the Middle Arm, having struck out into deep water, but are expected back in the arms when the wind comes around right. It was the most severe early cold snap ever felt there and there was a fine chance for freezing herring if the vessels had been ready.

There are six Nova Scotia vessels now there for frozen herring. Cpts. Wadding and Malloch are there with three chartered Nova Scotia vessels for frozen herring. Capt. Frank Hall also has a chartered Nova Scotia vessel there for frozen herring. These vessels have a good chance for quick loads as they have lots of boats.

Sch. Esperanto has 300 barrels and sch. Henry M. Stanley wanted 300 barrels of salt herring to finish. Sch. Dauntless wants 500 barrels to finish, sch. Judique needs 300 more and sch. Ralph L. Hall has 900 barrels.

There are five or six Nova Scotia craft which want from 300 to 800 barrels to finish loading. There has been more sickness there than he ever saw before. The United States consul, however, will have nothing to do with men shipped outside the three mile limit.

Another letter from Bay of Islands, N. F., dated December 4, and received in this city yesterday, says:

At present everything is quiet here. It is quite evident now that there will be no further interference by the colonial authorities on the same lines that caused the friction ten days ago. Last Friday and Saturday and Sunday, the Fiona and Potomac were engaged in breaking ice in the Goose and Penguin arms. A cold wave suddenly appeared on the scene which caused a larger part of the nets belonging to the fleet to be frozen in, much to the surprise of the oldest fishermen here, these men stating that never before have these arms frozen over before ice formed in the Humber.

Saturday night there was good fishing in North Arm, there being four vessels there. The next day several other vessels joined them there. A report has been circulated that a vessel fished on Sunday, but since then there have been no rumors of the thing being done by any other vessel of the fleet. Today, (Tuesday), the wind has been blowing hard from the eastward, with rain squalls.

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Pretty Good.

It has remained for a Nova Scotia skipper to enlighten us as to the appellation "Deep Sea Turkey," commonly applied to the codfish by the New Englanders. Capt. D. V. Kenney, of the steamer Wanda, states that back in the seventies he caught a large codfish on the Grand Banks and inside the fish was a full grown turkey, feathers and wings, all complete. Ever since they call Capt. D. V. Kenney—no the codfish—a deep sea turkey.—New York Fishing Gazette.

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DR. GREENFELL TALKS.

Eminent Labrador Medical Missionary in New York.

Dr. Wilfred T. Greenfell, the lone medical missionary on the coast of Labrador, is now in New York on a visit. He reports that during the fishing season just closed 21 vessels were lost on that coast and that there are only two lighthouses on 600 miles of coast. There are three Marconi wireless stations on this bleak shore and the people live on salt beef and pork and fish, together with what ducks they can shoot. The doctor, who has three physicians interested with him in this Labrador work, says that the greatest danger among the natives is tuberculosis. He has established four hospitals there, three on the north and one on the south coast and in addition to these, has a hospital steamer. At present he is interested in a plan to bring reindeer to Alaska, from Lapland, and claims that these animals have done much for Alaska.

PUTTING DORIES ON.

Beam Trawling for Halibut Not a Success on Pacific Coast.

A Vancouver, B. C., exchange of recent date states that the two trawlers brought from England for the northern British Columbia fishery business did not prove successful. Already the trawling equipment has been taken from the steamer Celestial Empire, formerly the steam trawler Jupiter, and now it is reported from Vancouver that the trawling gear of the steamer Flamingo is being removed and during the winter months dories will be used on the fishing banks. The Flamingo is now at Vancouver, but will leave shortly for the Northern banks.

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NO MORE TROUBLE

Expected at Bay of Islands This Season.

British Cruiser Brilliant To Leave There Saturday.

A despatch from St. John's, N. F., says that, inasmuch as there is little likelihood of further friction over the fisheries question this season, the British cruiser Brilliant will leave Bay of Islands on Saturday next for St. John, whence she will proceed for England.

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Sch. Moocanam, Georges, 14,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Elizabeth Silsbee, South Channel, 18,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. James S. Steele, shore.